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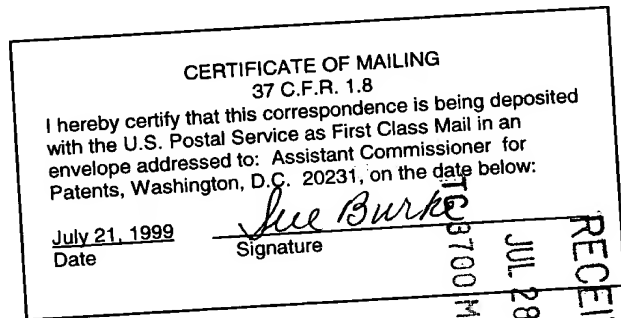
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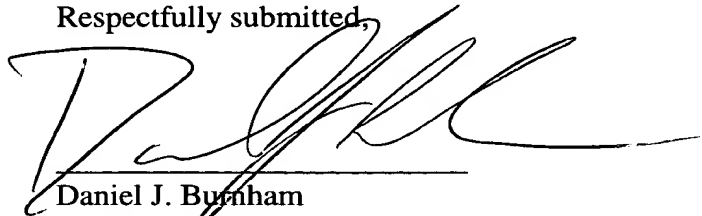
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. The above-identified application is a continuation application of Serial No. 08/778,503, filed January 3, 1999, which issued on January 26, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,863,201.

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This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any over payment to Arnold, White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01/2508 (IMPI:035--1).

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